

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

3b. GSA Committee No.

2618

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/10/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/10/2019

7. Expected Term Date

05/14/2019

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix 2

13. Effective Date

07/10/2017

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

08/27/2018

Report Title

PFWAAC Recommendations for VHA/OCC

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 1 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, through the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management. The advice will be related to improving and enhancing VA's efforts to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse across VA to improve the integrity of VA's payments and the efficiency of its programs and activities.	11/07/2017	11/07/2017
The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officers, on matters relating to improving and enhancing VA's efforts to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse across VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments and the efficiency of its programs and activities.	01/18/2018	01/18/2018
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The agenda will include detailed discussions on committee recommendations surrounding VA's community care programs. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officers, on matters relating to improving and enhancing VA's efforts to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse across VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments and the efficiency of its programs and activities. 07/19/2018 - 07/19/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$84,166.00	\$42,988.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$20,109.00	\$5,888.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$36,677.00	\$6,391.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$5,742.00	\$5,742.00
18d. Total	\$146,694.00	\$61,009.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.65	0.33

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters related to identifying, preventing, and mitigating fraud, waste, and abuse in programs similar to those offered by VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments, the efficiency of its programs and activities, and modernizing systems. The committee's efforts focus on the following VA priorities: efficiency to achieve accountability of resources and modernizing systems.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee will be comprised of not more than 12 committee members, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. A member's term of service may not exceed 2 years, but the Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms. The Committee membership will be drawn from various venues and organization types such as Veteran-focused organizations, academic communities, health care providers, insurance providers, other Federal agencies, Federal Inspectors General, Veteran Service Organizations, Military Service Organizations, and leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations. Members may be Special Government Employees or Regular Government Employees. Committee members will serve as objective advisors, not as representatives of any organizations. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee will be appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management, on behalf of the Secretary, from among the Committee members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee will meet approximately four times per year. In FY 2018, the Committee met four times: November 2017 (Washington DC); January 2018 (Washington DC); May 2018 (Austin TX); and July 2018 (via teleconference)

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The information is provided by individuals with various backgrounds established by the Secretary of the VA to improve and enhance the integrity of VA's programs and activities.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee meetings are open to the public, except, when the Committee tours a VA facility, the meeting is closed to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

21. Remarks

The Committee held its first inaugural meeting on November 7, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Designated Federal Officer

Karida Palmer Supervisory Program Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Agrawal, Shantanu	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	President, National Quality Forum	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Buckley, David	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Managing Director, KMPG Fraud	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carpenter, Ralph	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Aetna Special Investigations Unit	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Devaney, Earl	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	President, The Devaney Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garvey, Dennis	09/15/2017	05/29/2018	Director, Consulting, True Haven Analytics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jewsbury, Christa	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Director of Special Investigations, Humana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Karen	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Chief Deputy Executive Director, Covered California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mahon, Bill	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Private Sector Healthcare Fraud Investigations	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murphy, Pat	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	Contract Forfeiture Investigator	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saccoccio, Lou	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	CEO, National Healthcare Anti-Fraud Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wehrle, Joseph	09/15/2017	09/15/2019	President & CEO National Insurance Crime Bureau	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

Not Applicable

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable